

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ACTION SUMMARY—SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, August 17, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Administration Building
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order by President Jones. Board Members present: Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley. Director Duveneck, absent. Staff: Fire Chief Martinez, General Counsel Price, Board Clerk Tilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN
DISTRICT JURISDICTION ON ITEM SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA**

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT – FIRE CHIEF

Meeting convened with no comment in favor of terminating the Fire Chief.

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of Fire Chief Martinez, letters presented by some:

Supervisor Muriel Johnson, representing the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors – letter
Commissioner Spike Helmick, California Highway Patrol

Mayor Linda Budge, City of Rancho Cordova

Assistant Sheriff Mike Smith, representing Sheriff Lou Blanas, Sacramento County – letter

Police Chief Albert Najera, City of Sacramento

Fire Chief Joe Cherry, City of Sacramento

Fire Chief Eric Dutton, City of Folsom – letter

Fire Chief Fred Postel, West Sacramento – letter

Deputy Fire Chief Mike Collins, West Sacramento

Norm Siefkin, Superintendent, Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Jim Stewart

Council Member Jeannie Bruins, City of City Heights

Jerry Heleva

Steve Giorgi, California Office of Homeland Security-letter from George Vinson, former Director

Marie Smith, Vice Chancellor, for Brice Harris, Chancellor, Los Rios Community College – letter

Carole Hopwood, Coordinator, County of Sacramento Emergency Operations

Ward Cockerton, Chaplain

Brian Hatch, California Professional Firefighters

Joyce Arredondo
Ross Davidson
Al Baeta – letter
Bob Ferry
Diana Pearson, Life Flight Nurse
Rita Mechill, Life Flight Nurse
Richard Crooks
Josh Pino
Peter Tateishi
Fire Captain Rennie James – letter
Tami Randolph, Sacramento County OES
Duane Johnson
Greg Hoeger
Jim Lieb
Chuck Horel
Jose Rios
Paul Best
Trish Harrington – letter from Barbara Weiss
William Berry
Ron Cuppy, Carmichael Recreation & Park District
Karen Klinger
Charles Cuny
Brian Rice, Local 522
Steve Hanson

Dave Smith expressed disappointment in a statement by Director Goold in the Sacramento Bee.

Some 48 letters of support were received and placed on file; with the following read into the record by Board Clerk Tilson:

Director Mike Duveneck
John Iffland
Colonel Emory Hagan, USMC
Peggy Berry
Carole Hopwood
Carrie Briggs and Family

Assemblymember Dave Cox
Floyd Davis
Forrest Adams
William Berry
Elizabeth McClatchy

BREAK FOLLOWED BY CLOSED SESSION @ 8:35 PM

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 10:12 PM—CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Report by General Counsel Price:

1. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Dismissal/Release

In relation to the Fire Chief's contract, it permits termination without cause. The Board had a discussion concerning that issue. No action was taken.

- Fire Chief Martinez thanked everyone present for taking time out of their schedules and being here tonight.
- Director Granados stated they had a lengthy discussion with the Fire Chief about issues; heard from the public, elected officials, and general members. It was with great consideration that we have decided to retain the Fire Chief in his current position.
- **Board Action:**
Granados/Goold—maintain Chief Martinez as the Fire Chief. Directors Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Director Duveneck, absent. Unanimous in favor by members present.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Gay Jones, President

H. Peter Engellenner, Secretary

Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board